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SUBJECT: BRITISH CONVERSATION WITH MAVROS RE CYPRUS,

SEPTEMBER 16

- 1. SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 16, MAVROS MENTIONED PROBABLE ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER AND OUTLINED GOG POSITION ON SETTLE-MENT (COMMENT: WHICH WAS, HOWEVER, REPORTED MORE AURHOR-ITATIVELY AND IN GREATER DETAIL IN OUR SEPTEL ON AMBASSADOR ROUSSOS' PRESENTATION TO CALLAGHAN SEPTEMBER 18). MAVROS SAID USG IS PUTTING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON ANKARA. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SIDE-STEPPED SOVIET OVERTURES DURING RECENT VISIT OF DEPUTY FM ILICHEV. HE WAS TOLD CALLAGHAN IS NOT REPEAT NOT EAGER TO RETURN TO GENEVA. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ACCORDING TO FCO, DURING INITIAL CALL OF NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR ON FM MAVROS SEPTEMBER 16, MAVROS MADE FIRST REFERENCE BRITISH HAVE HEARD TO PROBABLY GREEK ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER. HE SAID GOG COULD NOT PROCEED TO ELECTIONS ON BASIS OF SETTLEMENT REPRESENTING NATIONAL HUMILIATION. GOG COULD ACCEPT GEOGRAPHICAL SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM PROVIDED TURKISH AREA IS SMALLER THAN AT PRESENT, AND THER IS NO REGROUPING OF POPULATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. MAVROS PRESSED AMBASSADOR ON TURKISH REFUGEES IN SBA, AND AMBASSADOR GAVE STANDARD BRITISH REPLY.
- 4. MAVROS SAID HE THOUGHT USG IS NOW REPEAT NOW PUTTING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON ANKARA. IN REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, HE ALSO SAID ECIVIT IS VERY STRONG AND COULD FACE PROSPECTS OF ELECTIONS, IF THESE NECESSARY, WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.
- 5. MAVROS REFERRED TO HIS FOUR-HOUR CONVERSATION AND DINNER WITH SOVIET DEPUTY FM ILICHEV AS VERY TOUGH. HE SAID ILICHEV HAD LITTLE TO PROPOSE, APART FROM ASKING WHAT FURTHER INITIAVE GOG WISHED SOVIETS TO TAKE ON CYPRUS. MAVROS SAID HE HAD AVOIDED ANY DIRECT RESPONSE TO THIS OVERTURE.
- 6. FINALLY, BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAID HE LEFT MAVROS UNDER NO MISAPPREHENSION THAT CALLAGHAN IS IN FACT EAGER TO RETURN TO GENEVA.

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